



Carbon RX Hosts 2nd Annual Global First Nations Carbon Summit

Whitecap Dakota First Nation – October 13, 2023 – The 2nd annual Global First Nations Carbon Summit saw a gathering of Indigenous leaders from Treaty 2, 3, 4, 6 and, 9, as well as representatives from agriculture, forestry, government, and academia. Attendees gathered on Whitecap Dakota First Nation to discuss the future of the carbon economy and to advance climate action initiatives to protect Mother Earth.

Highlights from the Summit included:

- **Dr. Angela Bedard-Haughn, Dean of College of Agriculture and Bioresources** from the University of Saskatchewan, spoke on the fundamental importance of soil health and application of technology to improve the quality of carbon credits through advanced Measuring, Recording, and Validation (MRV),
- Executive leadership from the nuclear value chain including **SaskPower's President and CEO, Rupen Pandya, Cameco's Vice President of Sustainability & Stakeholder Relations, Jonathan Huntington, and GE Canada's President and CEO, Heather Chalmers** unpacked the gaps and hurdles of a sustainable energy system with particular focus on skill gaps and indigenous ownership of the supply chain. Panelists acknowledged the path to net zero will be different depending on where you live and indigenous participation at all levels is critical to a successful energy transition,
- Financial experts, **Booker Cornea of First Nations Bank of Canada and Dean Gagne of Innovative Federal Credit Union**, addressed the opportunity of *own source revenue* in the form of carbon credits as a tool that First Nations can use to address financing gaps in economic development initiatives. The recurring revenue tied to carbon credit projects will be a gateway to improve the financial prosperity of communities in all regions of the country.



- Worldview values and respect for Mother Earth was a recurring theme from many panels. **Chief Lorie Whitecalf**, from **Sweetgrass First Nation**, and **Chief David Monias** from **Pimicikamak Okimawin**, rounded out the conversations and reminded attendees “indigenous people used to live with the land and now we must all live off the land.” The two Chiefs supported carbon as a mechanism to draw attention to the importance of the land and how its managed.



Left to Right: Milton Tootoosis (SREDA), Chief Lorie Whitecalf (Sweetgrass First Nation), and Chief David Monias (Pimicikamak Okimawin)

“Carbon RX hosts this annual summit because we experienced First Nations people genuinely wanting to learn more about how carbon fits into their land use plans, and there was nowhere to go for the knowledge transfer. As a leader in carbon crediting, the summit has been our way to advance complex conversations and to build a sustainable carbon economy.” - Marty Seymour, CEO of Carbon RX.

For a complete list of speakers and sponsors of the Global First Nations Carbon Summit, visit www.thecarbonsummit.com

The Global First Nations Carbon Summit is planned to return October 9th, 2024.

About Carbon RX

Headquartered on Treaty 4 Territory in Regina, SK, Carbon RX specializes in the origination and streaming of carbon credits. Backed by a team of agriculture, forestry, and hydrocarbon experts, Carbon RX provides high-fidelity carbon credits to the international voluntary carbon market, ultimately aiding Canada in the race to net-zero emissions.

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